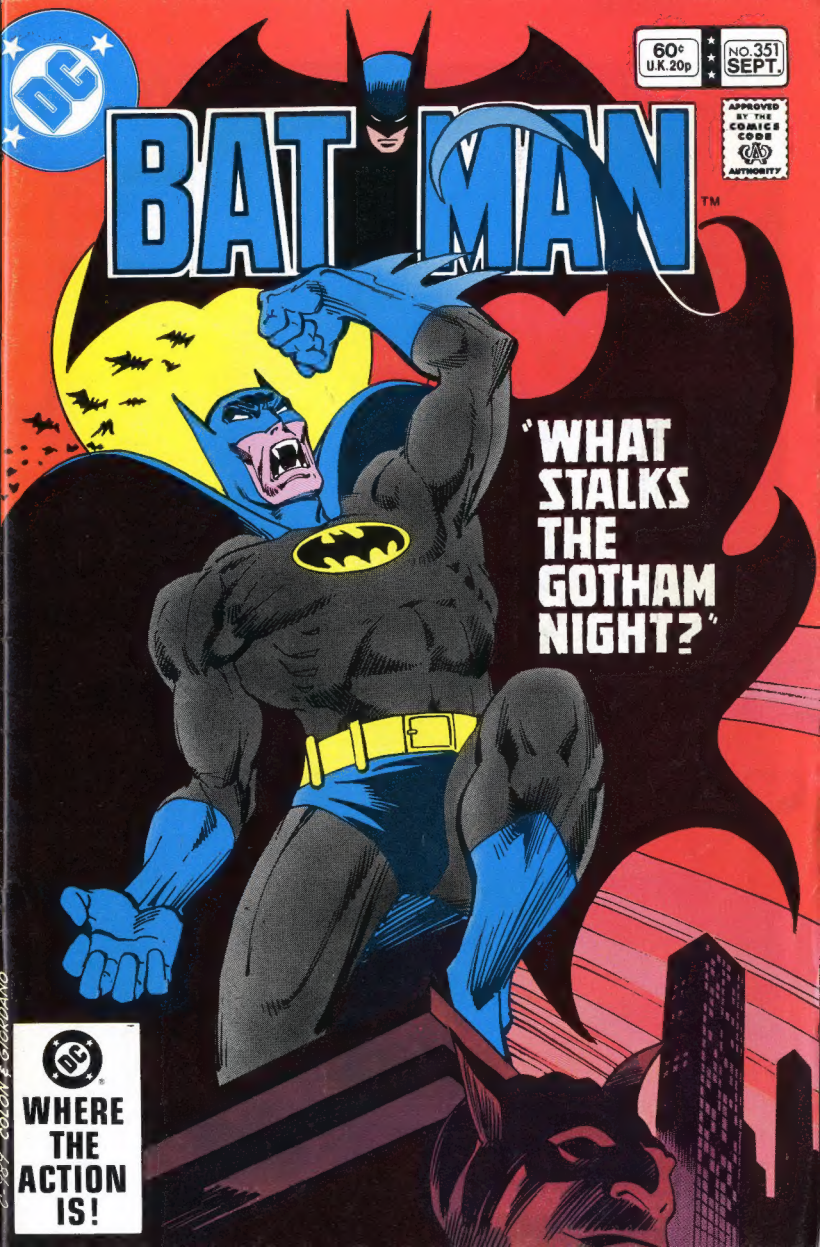
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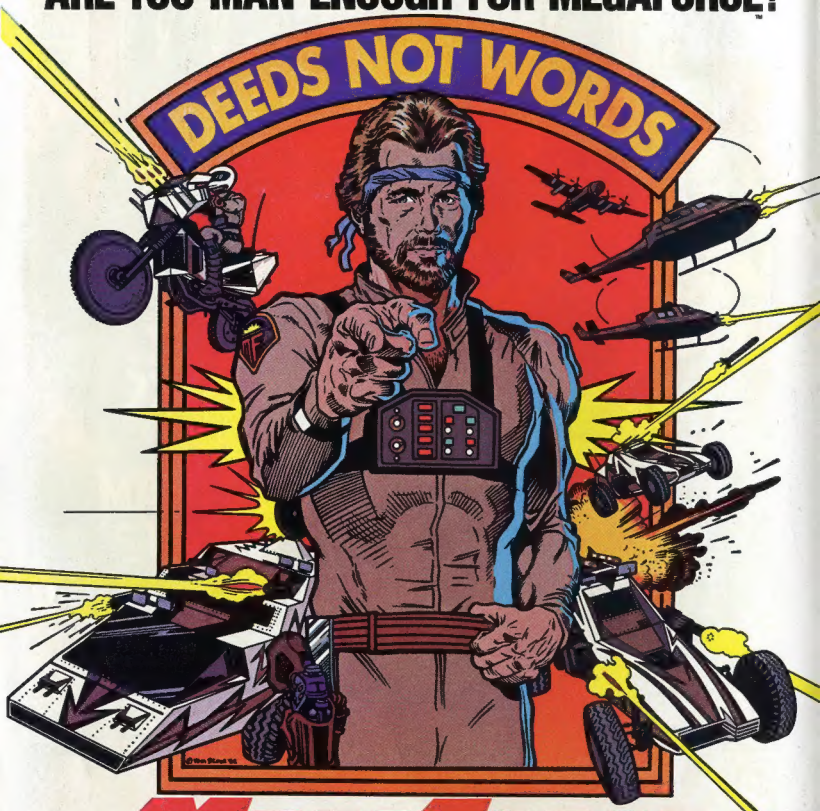

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HE WAITS... HE WATCHES...
HE HUNGERS.
SEE, VICKI-- I TOLD YOU I'D GET YOU HOME SAFE AND SOUND.
SO YOU DID, DICKIE.
--BUT I STILL WISH YOU'D TELL ME WHERE BRUCE DISAPPEARED TO IN THE MIDDLE OF DALAI'S PARTY!*
*LAST ISSUE-- Gerry.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT BRUCE, VICKI--HE'S BEEN TAKEN CARE OF.
BESIDES...
...I JUST REALIZED THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THE TWO OF US HAVE EVER BEEN ALONE TOGETHER.
DICK!
HE GROWLS--A GUTTURAL ANIMAL NOISE, RASPING FROM DEEP IN HIS THROAT.
THE CHALLENGE IS A PRIMITIVE ONE.

THE NOISE COULD NOT BE HEARD BELOW... AT LEAST NOT BY HUMAN EARS...
...AND YET IT IS!
NEXT TIME YOU MAKE A PASS AT A WOMAN, MISTER GRAYSON, I SUGGEST YOU CHOOSE SOMEONE YOUR OWN AGE--
DON'T WORRY, I WON'T TELL BRUCE ABOUT THIS -- THIS-- ABSURDITY--
--BUT ONLY BECAUSE I WOULDN'T WANT TO UPSET HIM!
--AND PREFERABLY OF YOUR OWN ILL-MANNERED NATURE!
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TOO LATE!
Y-YOU DARED--?
BATMAN!
Y-YOU WOULD HAVE TURNED HER INTO A MONSTER-- LIKE US?
I--I-- AYEEE!
WHUMP
NOOOOOOO
UNHH...
WHAP
NO.
WAYNE MANOR...
I THOUGHT I WOULD NEVER CONVINCE FATHER GREEN TO LEAVE!*
I DO BELIEVE I ALMOST MADE HIM BELIEVE THERE WAS NO CONNECTION BETWEEN THE MASTER AND BATMAN!
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*SEE DETECTIVE #317, STILL ON SALE IF YOU RUSH! -- Gar.

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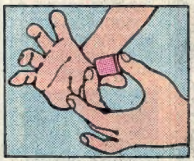

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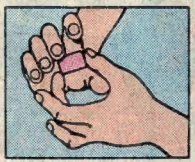
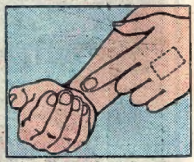
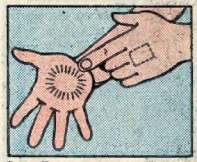


Pretend to grab it with your right hand while you really drop it into the palm of your left hand.

Keep the fingers of your right hand loose as if they had the gum.



Point with the left hand while you secretly hold the gum in your palm.



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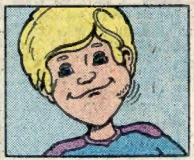

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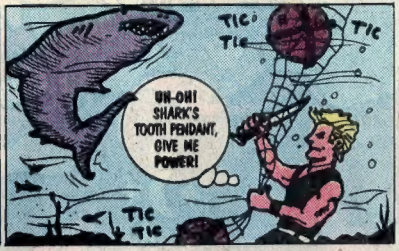

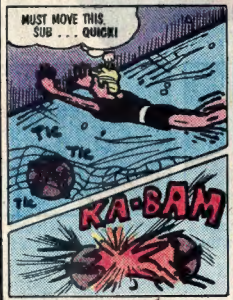

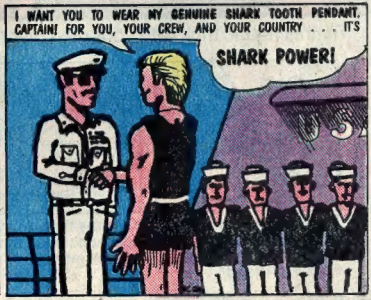

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MY LORD!
IT CAN'T BE!
M-M-MASTER BRUCE--?
B-B-BUT I THOUGHT YOU--
--WERE AWAY, PERHAPS?
NOW, ALFRED, I THOUGHT YOU NEEDED ME HERE--
--AND YOU MAY REST ASSURED--
--CHRISTOPHER CHANCE IS ALWAYS WHERE HE'S NEEDED! FOR A REASONABLE FEE, THAT IS.
ARE YOU SATISFIED WITH MY IMPERSONATION OF YOUR EMPLOYER?*
*COMMISSIONED BY ALFRED IN PREVIOUS ISSUES OF BATMAN AND DETECTIVE. -- DICK
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I-I DO APOLOGIZE FOR BEING STARTLED, MISTER CHANCE, BUT--
BUT YOU DIDN'T THINK I'D GET HERE THAT QUICKLY?
SERIOUSLY, MISTER PENNYWORTH--ISN'T THE ESSENCE OF BEING A HUMAN TARGET BEING ON THE SPOT?
YOU SAY WAYNE'S IN DANGER OF BEING MURDERED--
--I SAY I'LL SAVE HIM, OR DIE TRYING.
THAT'S MY LINE OF WORK.
Y-YES, I KNOW, S-SIR. B-BUT IF YOU WILL JUST EXCUSE ME FOR A FEW MOMENTS--?
OF COURSE.
THANK YOU, SIR.
THAT BLINKING LIGHT IS A SUMMONS I DAREN'T IGNORE. ESPECIALLY AFTER THIS MORNING--
CREAK
--WHEN I FEARED THE MASTER MIGHT NEVER CALL ME AGAIN.
M-MASTER BRUCE--?
Y-YES... ALFRED...
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H...HELP...
IN GOD WE TRUST
OHMILORD! MASTER DICK?
WHAT'S HAPPENED TO HIM?
H-HE'S LIKE ME... ALFRED...
...B-BUT WORSE!
H-HAVE TO H-HELP HIM!
CAREFUL, SIR--IT LOOKS AS THOUGH HE'S WAKING!
YARRGGH!
OH, MY STARS!
BLOOD! NEED H-HIS BLOOD!
B-BUT HOW--WITH WHAT?
ARGGH!
SMASH!
NEVER MIND--
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-- I'LL DO IT.
THERE-- THERE IT IS.
AYYEEEIII
MY WORD! THIS IS TOO MUCH FOR ME.
I DIDN'T WANT TO DO THIS, BUT--
BOOP BEEP BOOP
--I SUPPOSE THERE ARE MOMENTS WHEN ONE HAS NO CHOICE.
BRRINNGG
AH--M'PHONE'S RINGING, LADS. GO PRACTICE YOUR PSALMS, IF YOU WILL.
SURE, FATHER GREEN.
HAVE A GOOD DAY, FATHER.
I SHALL TRY TO, MY SON--
--BUT I FEAR 'TWASN'T MEANT TO BE SO EASY.
YES? SAINT JUDE'S-- FATHER GREEN SPEAKIN'!
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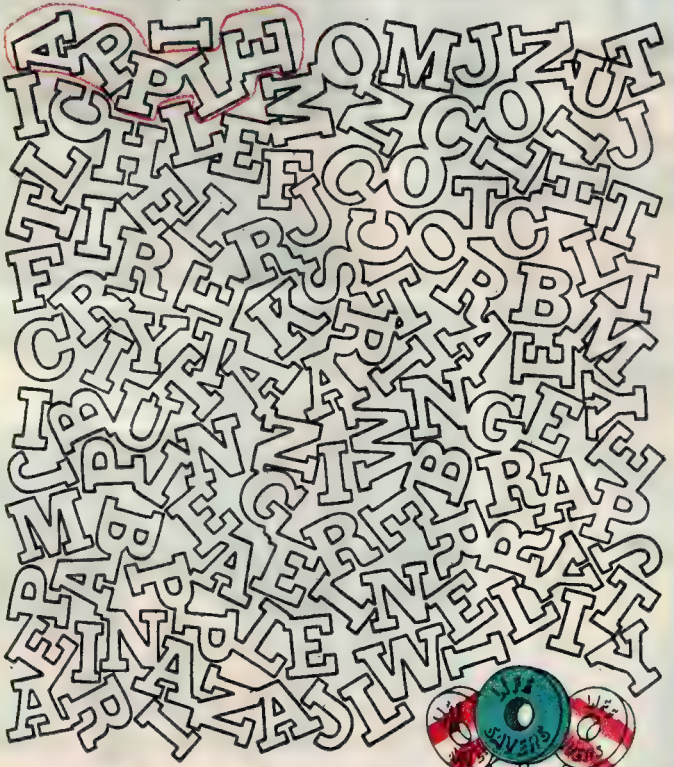

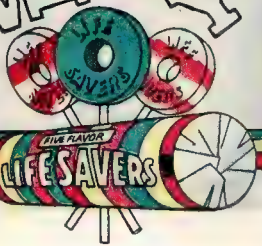

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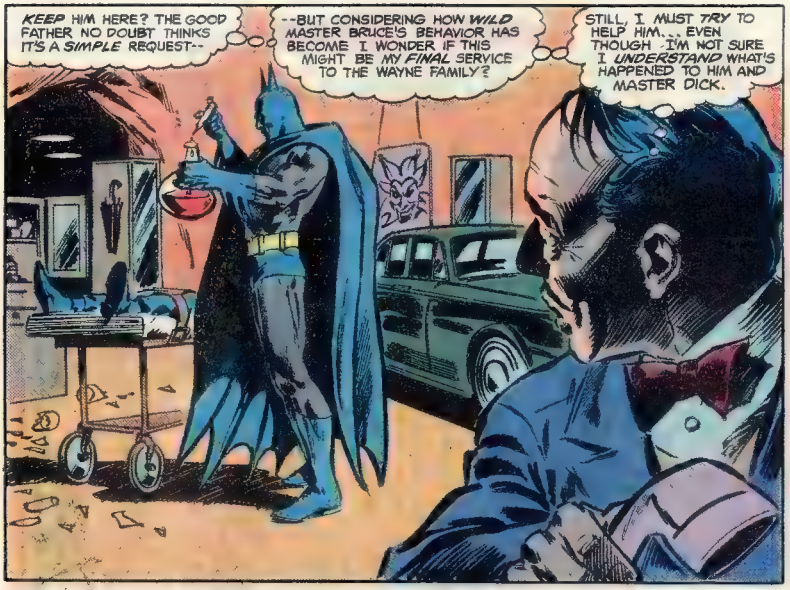
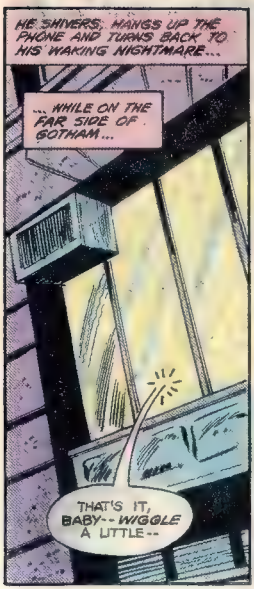
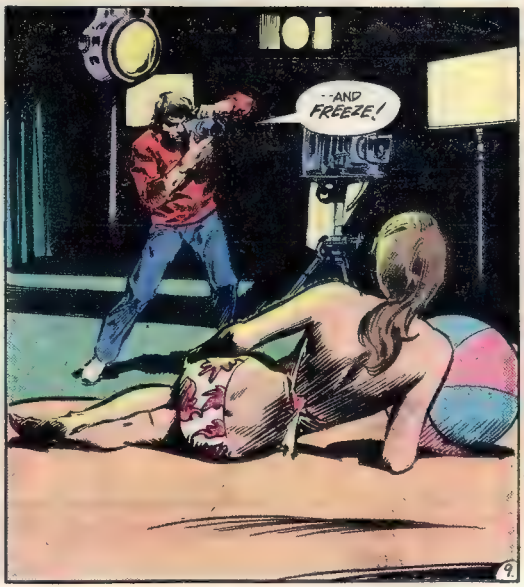
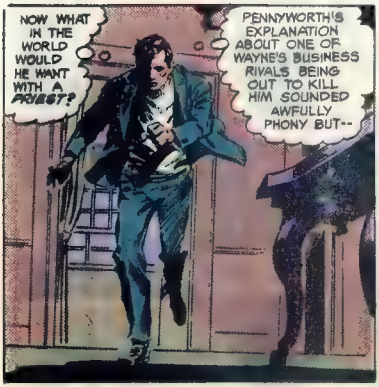
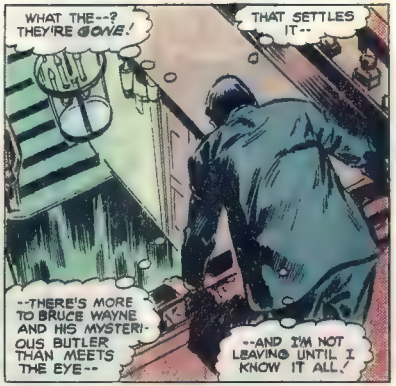

KEEP HIM HERE? THE GOOD FATHER NO DOUBT THINKS IT'S A SIMPLE REQUEST--
--BUT CONSIDERING HOW WILD MASTER BRUCE'S BEHAVIOR HAS BECOME I WONDER IF THIS MIGHT BE MY FINAL SERVICE TO THE WAYNE FAMILY?
STILL, I MUST TRY TO HELP HIM... EVEN THOUGH I'M NOT SURE I UNDERSTAND WHAT'S HAPPENED TO HIM AND MASTER DICK.

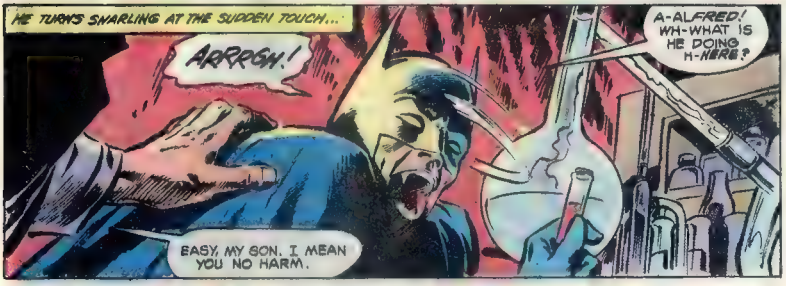

HE SHIVERS, HANGS UP THE PHONE AND TURNS BACK TO HIS WAKING NIGHTMARE...
... WHILE ON THE FAR SIDE OF GOTHAM...
THAT'S IT, BABY--WIGGLE A LITTLE--


--AND FREEZE!

PERFECT, BABY! ABSOLUTELY PERFECT!
NOW, LET'S TRY ANOTHER--
--SHOT--?
HUH?
HEY, WHU--?
YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED, SQUEEZE--STILL NEVER AT A LOSS FOR WORDS.
COMMISSIONER GORDON!?!
NOT COMMISSIONER ANY MORE, SQUEEZE. BUT SINCE WE'RE GOING DOWN MEMORY LANE, REMEMBER THIS?
AHEM. NOW ABOUT THIS PHOTO.
MY FEE DIDN'T COVER POSING FOR THE FUZZ, SQUEEZE. I'M CUTTING OUT.
WE'RE HARDLY "FUZZ" MY DEAR. BARD AND GORDON, PRIVATE INVESTIGATORS--WE'RE IN THE YELLOW PAGES.
WHAT PHOTO, MAN? I'VE NEVER SEEN THAT BEFORE.
BE SERIOUS, SQUEEZE, I KNOW YOUR STYLE--
--AND YOUR ADDRESS.
HE FREEZES, PUZZLED AT THE SIGHT OF HIS WORK RETURNING TO HAUNT HIM--
--AND AT WAYNE MANOR, CHRISTOPHER CHANCE PAUSES AT AN EQUALLY UNLIKELY SIGHT..
CURIOUS. VERY CURIOUS.
PENNYWORTH USHERING IN A PRIEST?

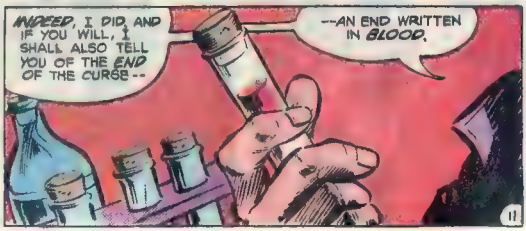

NOW WHAT IN THE WORLD WOULD HE WANT WITH A PRIEST?
PENNYWORTH'S EXPLANATION ABOUT ONE OF WAYNE'S BUSINESS RIVALS BEING OUT TO KILL HIM SOUNDED AWFULLY PHONY BUT--


WHAT THE--? THEY'RE GONE!
THAT SETTLES IT--
--THERE'S MORE TO BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS MYSTERIOUS BUTLER THAN MEETS THE EYE--
--AND I'M NOT LEAVING UNTIL I KNOW IT ALL!

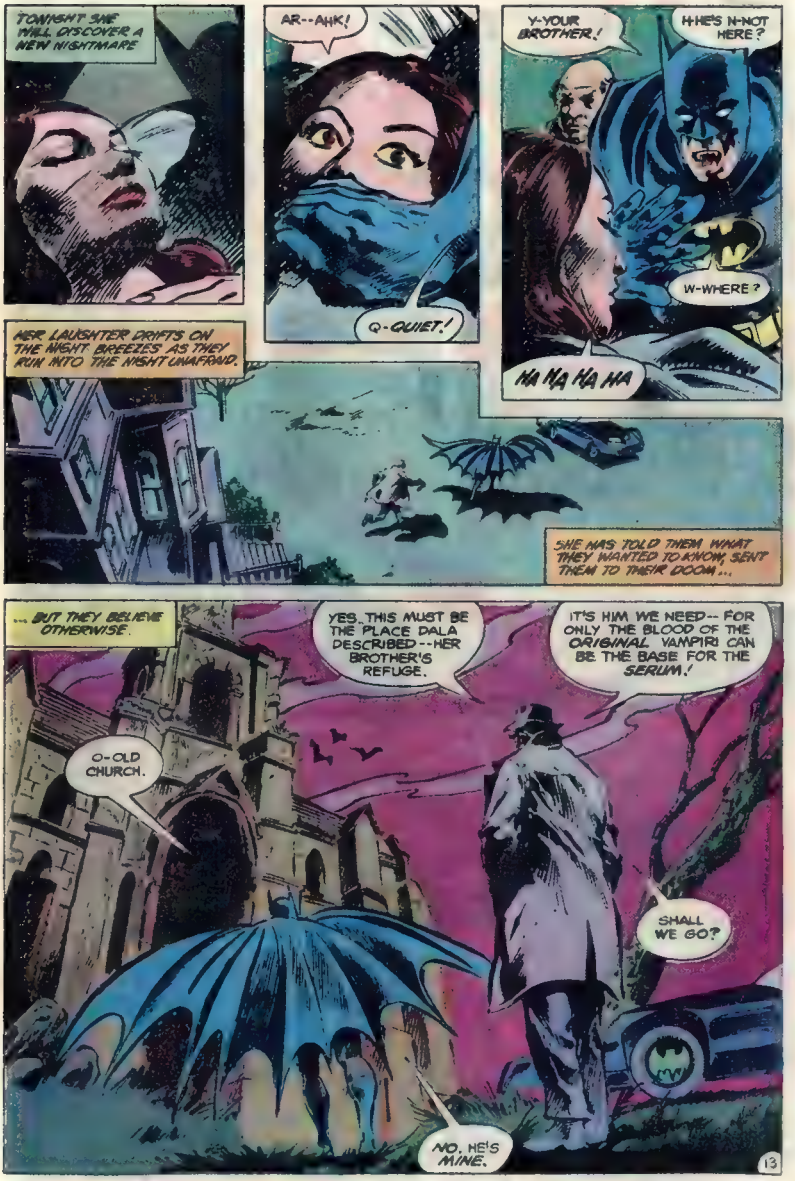

HE TURNS SNARLING AT THE SUDDEN TOUCH...
ARRRGH!
A-ALFRED! WH-WHAT IS HE DOING H-HERE?
EASY, MY SON. I MEAN YOU NO HARM.

YOUR FRIEND HAS NOT BETRAYED YOUR CONFIDENCE. I CAME HERE ON MY OWN, HOPING TO HELP YOU--
--WITH THE CURSE OF THE VAMPIRI!
V-VAMPIRI--?

YES, FOR THAT IS WHAT AFFLICTS YOU AND THE LAD. I FELT IT WAS SO FROM WHEN I FIRST TREATED HIM.
I AM FATHER GREEN OF SAINT JUDE'S, BY THE WAY.
THE FATHER TOLD ME OF THE BEGINNING OF THE VAMPIRI, MASTER B-BATMAN.

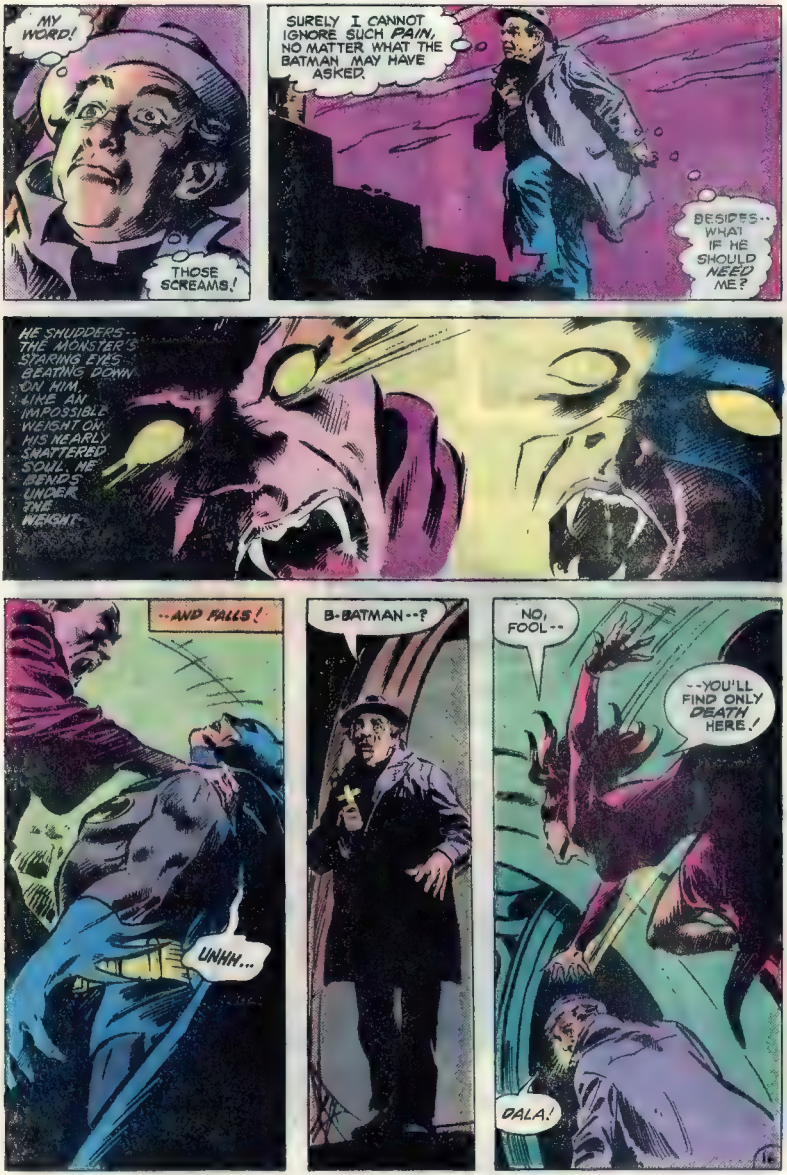

INDEED, I DID, AND IF YOU WILL, I SHALL ALSO TELL YOU OF THE END OF THE CURSE--
--AN END WRITTEN IN BLOOD.

WH-WHAT IS IT?
YARRGH!
THE BOY'S POSSESSION--YOUR OWN DAMNING BURDEN--
THEY ARE IN YOUR BLOOD FROM THE MONSTER'S BITE--A VIRUS OF GREAT POTENCY WHICH BONDS TO HEMOGLOBIN.
THE ONLY POSSIBILITY OF A CURE IS A COMPLETE BLOOD TRANSFUSION--
F-FATHER--
--OR A SERUM FROM THE MONSTER'S OWN BLOOD.
YARRSH!
--TH-THIS WAY.
AS YOU WILL, MY SON. I ONLY WISH TO HELP.
Y-YE'S... HELP.
RRRMMM
HE TENSES AT THE WHEEL... FIGHTING THE SPEED AT WHICH HE ROARS DOWN THE ROAD... AND THE DEMON WITHIN.
THE PRIEST'S THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE KNOWN ONLY TO HIMSELF, AND TO HIS GOD.
NIGHTFALL...
SHE SLEEPS, HER DREAMS TROUBLED BY THE IMAGES OF HER BROTHER AND THE SNAKE, SO MANY YEARS AGO.


TONIGHT SHE WILL DISCOVER A NEW NIGHTMARE
AR--AHK!
Q-QUIET!
Y-YOUR BROTHER!
H-HE'S N-NOT HERE?
W-WHERE?
HA HA HA HA
HER LAUGHTER DRIFTS ON THE NIGHT BREEZES AS THEY RUN INTO THE NIGHT UNAFRAID.
SHE HAS TOLD THEM WHAT THEY WANTED TO KNOW, SENT THEM TO THEIR DOOM...
... BUT THEY BELIEVE OTHERWISE.
YES. THIS MUST BE THE PLACE DALA DESCRIBED--HER BROTHER'S REFUGE.
IT'S HIM WE NEED-- FOR ONLY THE BLOOD OF THE ORIGINAL VAMPIRI CAN BE THE BASE FOR THE SERUM!
O-OLD CHURCH.
SHALL WE GO?
NO. HE'S MINE.

A-ALL MINE.
F-FOR WHAT HE'S D-DONE TO ME.
HE GAZES AT THE DUST-LADEN RELICS --ABANDONED, COB-WEBBED--
--AND DESECRATED!
NOOOO!

YARRGH!
HE SNARLS, HIS ACCURSED BRAIN UNABLE TO ARTICULATE THE FEELINGS IN HIS TRANSFORMED SOUL.
THE SIGHT IS AT ONCE UNHOLY AND REPUGNANT AND YET SATISFYING TO THE ANIMAL WITHIN HIM--
--AND TO THE MONSTER WHO TRANSFORMED HIM!
RRRRRGH!
N-NO! NOT AGAIN!
Y-YOU DID THIS!
N-NOW MAKE ME WHOLE AGAIN!
N-NEVER, BATMAN--
--YOU'RE MINE NOW-- MINE FOREVER!


MY WORD!
THOSE SCREAMS!
SURELY I CANNOT IGNORE SUCH PAIN, NO MATTER WHAT THE BATMAN MAY HAVE ASKED.
BESIDES-- WHAT IF HE SHOULD NEED ME?
HE SHUDDERS-- THE MONSTER'S STARING EYES BEATING DOWN ON HIM LIKE AN IMPOSSIBLE WEIGHT ON HIS NEARLY SHATTERED SOUL. HE BENDS UNDER THE WEIGHT.
--AND FALLS!
UNHH...
B-BATMAN--?
NO, FOOL--
--YOU'LL FIND ONLY DEATH HERE!
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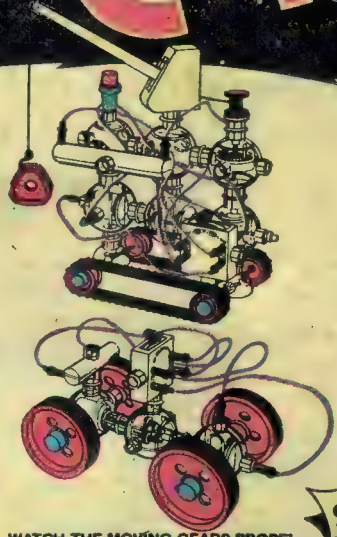

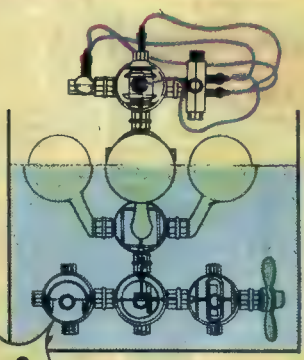

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Y-YES, YES, MY SON. I SHALL PUT ASIDE MY ROLE AS PRIEST--
--AND TAKE UP THE MANTLE OF DOCTOR.
PATIENCE, MY SON-- YOUR RECOVERY IS ASSURED!
MEANWHILE...
WEIRD! ABSOLUTELY WEIRD!
I COULDN'T HAVE MISPLACED THEM, COULD I?
WHAT HAPPENED TO MY FILE OF PHOTOS OF BATMAN AND BRUCE?
VICKI, DEAR, YOU'RE GETTING MUCH TOO CARELESS!
AHEM-- YES, HERE WE ARE.
HERE'S THE PHOTOGRAPH OF THE MAN BEHIND BATMAN'S MASK--
--BRUCE WAYNE!
YEAH?
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THEN HE'S AS GOOD AS GONE, THORNE--
--OR MY NAME'S NOT DEADSHOT!
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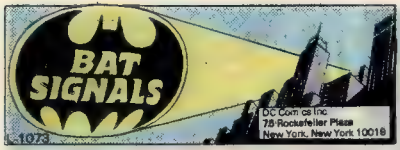

Dear Dick,

Just received BATMAN 346 in the mail and had to tell you—the return of Vicki is great, I like the little bits of a storyline in each issue, the Catwoman is a great idea and I loved the opening of the Two-Face sequence.

Ross Raihala
802 Hawthorne St.
Cloquet, MN 55720

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Dear Dick,

Congratulations to Gerry Conway for restoring a classic character to his former glory. DC stands alone as the company that has provided its readers with a number of villains whose status often overshadows the heroes themselves. Two-Face; a demented man who relies on the flip of a coin as his way of dealing out justice and deciding life or death matters.

Aaron Mathison
1842 Arcadian #4
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Dear Dick,

Don't have Selina return to crime. Please. This is my favorite heroine!

Kari Skouson
611 Iris Ave. #30
Sunnyvale, CA 94086

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Dear Sirs,

Thank you for the new Catwoman feature but what is that weirdo in the dumb mask doing in Catwoman's comic?

Michael Pickens
2539 Johnstown-Utica Rd.
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Catwoman's comic...? Okay, not a bad idea. But could Catwoman/Selina carry a book by herself? (I kinda like the aforementioned dumb mask.)

* * *

Dear DC,

All I can say is...the return of Two-Face was handled superbly!

Dave Schmidt
134 Senator St.
Brooklyn, NY 11220

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Dear Editor,

I was absolutely delighted with the new Catwoman series. The lady has such flair! The scene on page six, panel 6 where Selina sat, cooly awaiting her adversary (who thought he'd already gotten rid of her), was, well, delicious.

Scott Gibson
2711 South Pinehurst Dr.
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I dig Catwoman, too, Scott.

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Dear Dick,

I've read the Batman comics for almost 16 years, and no other event in that time has been more dramatic than the events on page 18! Perhaps,the most startling in the legend of Batman! The loss of James Gordon as police commissioner brings on many complications. Gordon was Batman's first friend and is still his confidant. Batman now will likely become the hunted creature of the night he started out as with Thorne's pawn in the position of commissioner. Only time will tell. Lastly, I love the idea of a continuity between titles as well as the cross-over stories. It's like getting the same magazine twice a month.

Tony Sprague
150 Capri St.
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I'm *certainly having fun with the Batman twice-a-month bit (Have you seen our house ad?). How does everyone else feel about it?*

* * *

Dear Dick,

When can we expect the return of Hugo Strange and Adam Lamb?

William Day
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Do you **really** *want to know now or can you wait until it happens? Betcha you're one of those souls who feels compelled to peek at the last page of a mystery to find out whodunit?*

* * *

Dear Mr. Giordano,

This letter is addressed to all Batman fans young and old.

The charade is over! It's time to spill the beans. Time to let the bat out of the bag.

There is no Batman!

It's true! All of you who believe Batman tells DC a story every few weeks is in for a rude awakening. They make him up. They have to. Why do you think they call themselves writers?

Really, who out there actually believes a millionaire would be inspired by a bat to wage a war against crime? Not me!

Bruce Wayne! Ha! Dick Grayson! Ha! Two-Face! Ha! All figments of the imagination! No one in their right mind would believe in such nonsense!

Everyone else may fall for your little pretense, Mr. Giordano, but not me! I'm on to your act and nobody makes a fool out of me!

Napoleon Bonaparte
6th Floor, West Wing
Bellevue Hospital

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Dear Mr. Editor,

Concerning the question of former mayors, consider the following from Bob Haney's THE BRAVE AND THE BOLD..

In 81 a totally undistinguished mayor is presented.

An entirely new mayor is featured in 102. Again undistinguished. "Mr. Mayor" reappeared in issue 105.

In a remarkably similar sequence to what is now appearing, a new mayor appeared in 113.

Still another mayor appeared in 148.

In 150 the mayor from 102 and 105 returns! And reappeared in 156.

Other mayors may have appeared in other titles but Bob Haney was the only one to put them to good use.

Kenneth Martin
Houston

Well, errr, you see, Kenneth, it's like this: whenever the mayor of a big city goes out of town on an important trip, somebody has to be left behind to mind the store. Usually it's the Deputy Mayor, or the President of the City Council, or the Borough President, depending on just who is where when. Perhaps it was Gotham's Absentee Mayor (in some ways reminiscent of San Francisco's "Travelling Mayor" Alioto) and his frequent absences which resulted in last year's election of two candidates, intimating that the incumbent had lost the nomination of his own party. (Pssst: Hey, Len—do you think that convinced him?)

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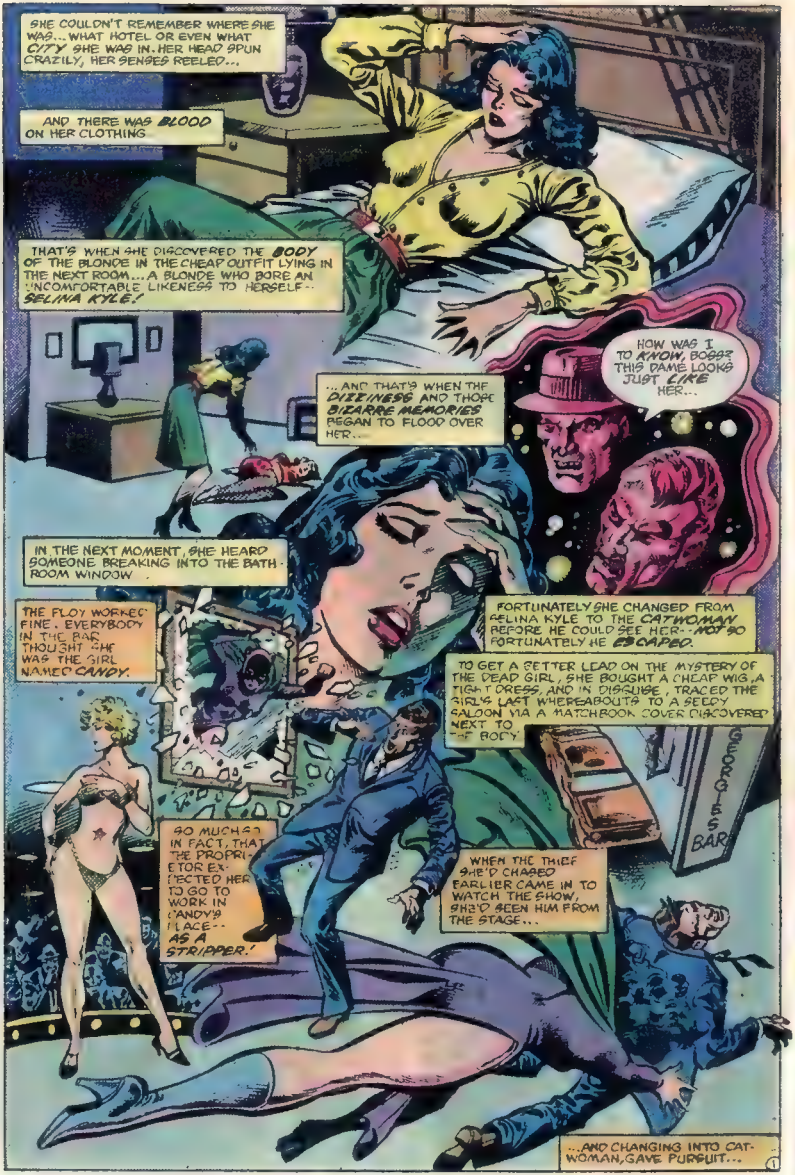
Batman returns, one week hence, in THE BRAVE AND THE BOLD, September, in a tale entitled "Who Killed Adam Strange?" by Mike Barr and Carmine Infantino. From DC and he who wishes you all a.. thank you and good afternoon.


SHE COULDN'T REMEMBER WHERE SHE WAS... WHAT HOTEL OR EVEN WHAT CITY SHE WAS IN. HER HEAD SPUN CRAZILY, HER SENSES REELED...
AND THERE WAS BLOOD ON HER CLOTHING
THAT'S WHEN SHE DISCOVERED THE BODY OF THE BLONDE IN THE CHEAP OUTFIT LYING IN THE NEXT ROOM... A BLONDE WHO BORE AN UNCOMFORTABLE LIKENESS TO HERSELF-- SELINA KYLE!
...AND THAT'S WHEN THE DIZZINESS AND THOSE BIZARRE MEMORIES BEGAN TO FLOOD OVER HER...
HOW WAS I TO KNOW, BOSS? THIS DAME LOOKS JUST LIKE HER...
IN THE NEXT MOMENT, SHE HEARD SOMEONE BREAKING INTO THE BATHROOM WINDOW...
THE FLOY WORKED FINE. EVERYBODY IN THE BAR THOUGHT SHE WAS THE GIRL NAMED CANDY.
FORTUNATELY SHE CHANGED FROM SELINA KYLE TO THE CATWOMAN BEFORE HE COULD SEE HER-- NOT SO FORTUNATELY HE ESCAPED.
TO GET A BETTER LEAD ON THE MYSTERY OF THE DEAD GIRL, SHE BOUGHT A CHEAP WIG, A TIGHT DRESS, AND IN DISGUISE, TRACED THE GIRL'S LAST WHEREABOUTS TO A SEEDY SALOON VIA A MATCHBOOK COVER DISCOVERED NEXT TO THE BODY
GEORGIE'S BAR
SO MUCH SO IN FACT, THAT THE PROPRIETOR EXPECTED HER TO GO TO WORK IN CANDY'S PLACE-- AS A STRIPPER!
WHEN THE THIEF SHE'D CHASED EARLIER CAME IN TO WATCH THE SHOW, SHE'D BEEN HIM FROM THE STAGE...
...AND CHANGING INTO CATWOMAN, GAVE PURSUIT...

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...THIS TIME THE THIEF DID NOT GET AWAY...
...AND A CRUMBLING PIECE OF MORTAR LINING THE EDGE OF THE BUILDING WHERE SHE'D CHASED HIM ALMOST MADE HER WISH HE HAD...
HA-HA! S'MATTER, CATWOMAN, CAN'T GET THE AMMS OF IT?
THEN, IN A BLUR OF MOTION...
AGH!
IT ISN'T POLITE TO POINT AT A LADY, JACK!
IN ONE GRACEFUL MOTION, CATWOMAN CATCHES THE FALLING GUN IN HER FREE HAND...
YOU HAVE TWO CHOICES: PULL ME UP AND STAY ALIVE OR PULL ME UP AND STAY ALIVE.
WITH PLEASURE...
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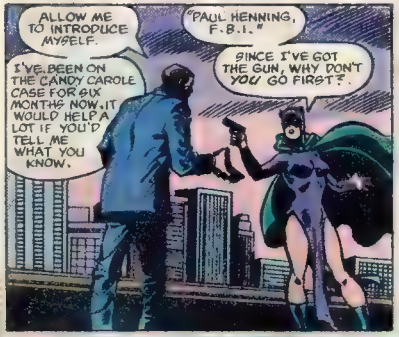
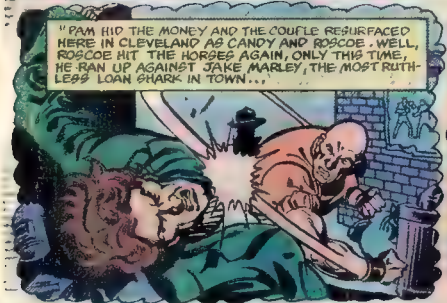
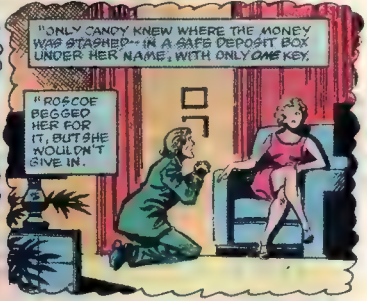
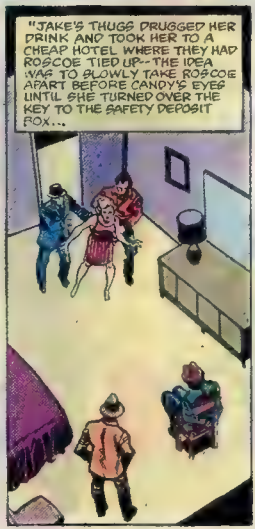

ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE MYSELF.
"PAUL HENNING, F.B.I."
I'VE BEEN ON THE CANDY CAROLE CASE FOR SIX MONTHS NOW. IT WOULD HELP A LOT IF YOU'D TELL ME WHAT YOU KNOW.
SINCE I'VE GOT THE GUN, WHY DON'T YOU GO FIRST?

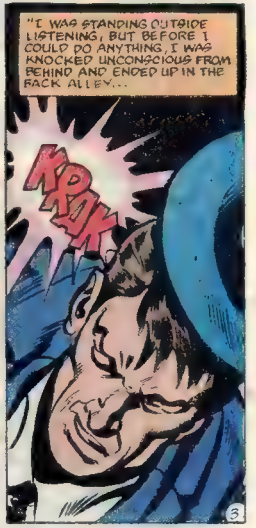
CANDY AND HER HUSBAND USED TO BE PAM AND DWIGHT POWELL. PAM WORKED FOR THE FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN... DWIGHT DIDN'T WORK AT ALL, HE PLAYED THE HORSES. HIS GAMBLING DEBTS GOT SO HIGH, HIS LIFE WAS IN DANGER FROM LOAN SHARKS.
SO HE TALKED PAM INTO ROBBING THE BANK--500,000 DOLLARS WORTH, AND THEY WENT UNDERGROUND.


"PAM HID THE MONEY AND THE COUPLE RESURFACED HERE IN CLEVELAND AS CANDY AND ROSCOE. WELL, ROSCOE HIT THE HORSES AGAIN, ONLY THIS TIME, HE RAN UP AGAINST JAKE MARLEY, THE MOST RUTHLESS LOAN SHARK IN TOWN..,


"ONLY CANDY KNEW WHERE THE MONEY WAS STASHED--IN A SAFE DEPOSIT BOX UNDER HER NAME, WITH ONLY ONE KEY.
"ROSCOE BEGGED HER FOR IT, BUT SHE WOULDN'T GIVE IN.

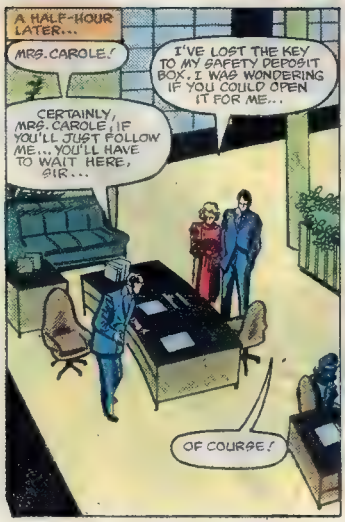
"I CAUGHT UP WITH CANDY A FEW DAYS AGO. THEN LAST NIGHT WHILE I WAS TRYING TO GET SOME INFORMATION OUT OF GEORGIE, CANDY WALKED IN, FOLLOWED BY A COUPLE OF JAKE'S THUGS...
THAT WAS ME, NOT CANDY! I HAD MY HAIR TUCKED UP UNDER MY HAT. IN THE DIMNESS THEY MUST HAVE THOUGHT SELINA KYLE WAS CANDY CAROLE!


"JAKE'S THUGS DRUGGED HER DRINK AND TOOK HER TO A CHEAP HOTEL WHERE THEY HAD ROSCOE TIED UP--THE IDEA WAS TO SLOWLY TAKE ROSCOE APART BEFORE CANDY'S EYES UNTIL SHE TURNED OVER THE KEY TO THE SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX...


"I WAS STANDING OUTSIDE LISTENING, BUT BEFORE I COULD DO ANYTHING, I WAS KNOCKED UNCONSCIOUS FROM BEHIND AND ENDED UP IN THE BACK ALLEY...
KRIK

I GUESS JAKE MUST HAVE KILLED CANDY WHEN SHE WOULDN'T TURN OVER THE KEY. WHEN I CAME TO, I LOOKED INTO THE LIVING ROOM WINDOW FROM THE FIRE ESCAPE AND SHE WAS DEAD. THEN I TRIED TO GET IN THROUGH THE BATHROOM WINDOW--AND THAT'S WHERE I MET YOU, CATWOMAN.
I'D HEARD YOU'D BEEN WORKING ON THE SIDE OF THE LAW NOW AND THEN, BUT I WASN'T SURE OF YOUR AFFILIATIONS IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE. THAT'S WHY I RAN.
DON'T WORRY, HENNING. THIS TIME I'M ON YOUR SIDE.
I FIGURED YOU MIGHT BE WHEN I SAW YOU DISGUISED AS CANDY. GREAT DISGUISE, CATWOMAN!
THANKS... BUT YOU KINDA BLEW MY COVER, AT LEAST IN GEORGIE'S BAR. NOW WHAT?

IF YOU COULD JUST PRETEND TO BE CANDY A LITTLE WHILE LONGER, WE COULD GET INTO THE SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX BEFORE MARLEY DOES. I'M HAVING HIM TAILED, WE'LL KNOW THE MOMENT HE GETS THERE.
THERE'S A 10,000 DOLLAR REWARD FOR THE RECOVERY OF THE STOLEN FEDERAL MONEY.
YOU GOT IT.


A HALF-HOUR LATER...
MRS. CAROLE!
I'VE LOST THE KEY TO MY SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX. I WAS WONDERING IF YOU COULD OPEN IT FOR ME...
CERTAINLY, MRS. CAROLE. IF YOU'LL JUST FOLLOW ME... YOU'LL HAVE TO WAIT HERE, SIR...
OF COURSE!

HERE'S YOUR SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX, MRS. CAROLE. WOULD YOU LIKE TO USE ONE OF THE BOOTHS FOR MORE PRIVACY?
YES. THANK YOU.

THAT WAS EASY ENOUGH. NOW TO OPEN THE--
THE BOX! IT'S EMPTY!

YOU CAN'T GO IN THERE, SIR!
GET OUTTA MY WAY, YA LITTLE JERK!
NOW WHERE HAVE I HEARD THAT VOICE BEFORE?
AND AS THE DRUG-INDUCED AMNESIA FINALLY CLEARS ONCE AND FOR ALL, CAT WOMAN REMEMBERS...
HOW WAS I TO KNOW, BOSS? THIS DAME LOOKS JUST LIKE HER!
WELL JUST LIKE AIN'T GOOD ENOUGH 'GO OUT AND GET THE REAL CANDY!
THROUGH A HAZE SHE HAD WATCHED WHAT HER PARALYZED MUSCLES HAD BEEN HELPLESS TO STOP...
HERE'S THE REAL CANDY, ROSCOE, AND SHE WON'T TALK, EVEN TO SAVE YOUR PITIFUL NECK! I'LL GIVE YA ONE MORE CHANCE, YA GOT TILL FOUR O'CLOCK TOMORROW!
I'VE GOT THAT KEY RIGHT HERE, ROSCOE, BUT YOU'RE NOT GETTING IT--ROSCOE NO! NO!! AAAGHHH!
NO WONDER I COULDN'T FIGURE IT OUT! AND NOW IT'S FOUR O'CLOCK, AND JAKE'S HERE TO COLLECT THE MONEY, BUT ROSCOE'S BEAT HIM TO IT!
I SAW YA GO IN THERE, CANDY. OPEN UP OR I'LL BREAK THE DOOR DOWN!
THIS IS DEFINITELY A JOB FOR--
--THE CATWOMAN

CATWOMAN!
WHERE THE HELL'S CANDY? AND WHERE'S THAT BOX?
CRUNCH
HERE'S THE BOX, JAKE! YOU WANT IT, YOU GOT IT!
OOMPH!!
AND HERE'S ONE TO GROW ON.
WHAT HAPPENED TO THE MONEY?
I'M AFRAID ROSCOE GOT HERE FIRST...
OH, YES, I FORGOT TO MENTION THE FACT THAT MR. CAROLE WAS IN HERE SEVERAL HOURS AGO... HE WAS CARRYING A VALISE, IF I REMEMBER CORRECTLY...
THEN I GUESS WE'VE LOST HIM...
NOT NECESSARILY...
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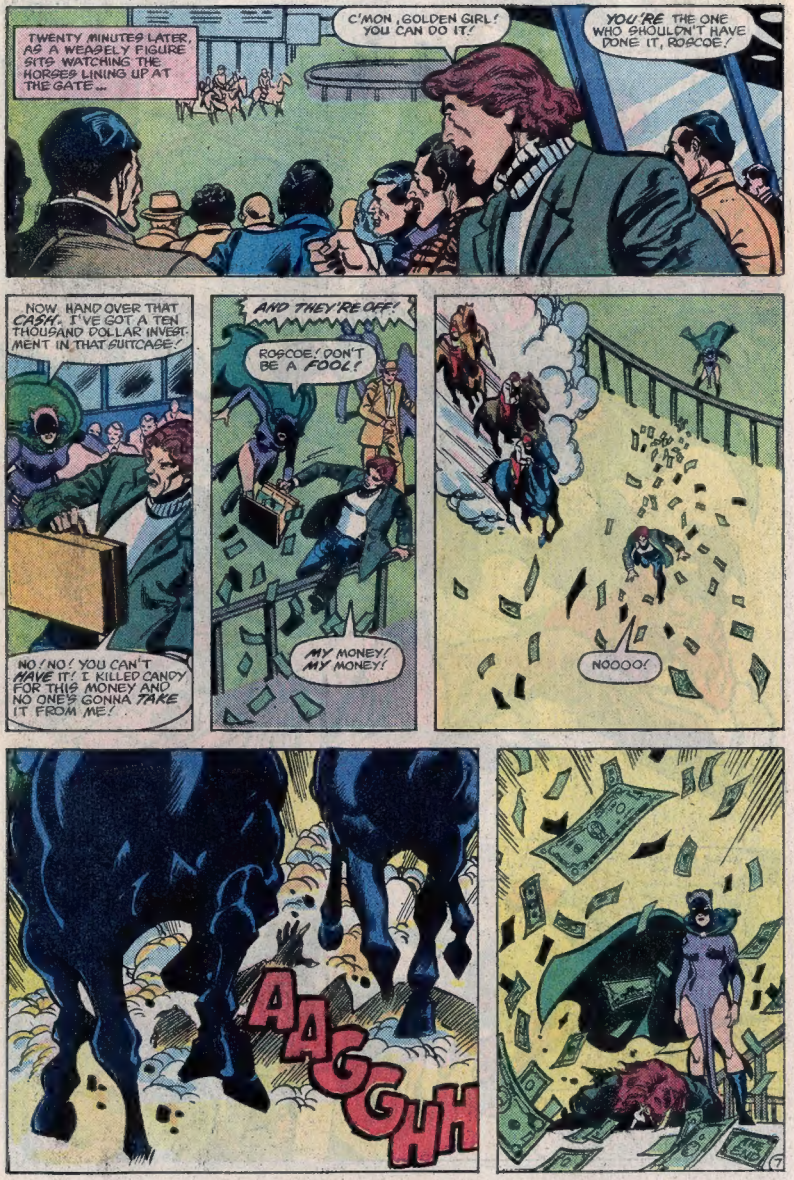
TWENTY MINUTES LATER, AS A WEASELY FIGURE SITS WATCHING THE HORSES LINING UP AT THE GATE...
C'MON, GOLDEN GIRL! YOU CAN DO IT!
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO SHOULDN'T HAVE DONE IT, ROSCOE!
NOW HAND OVER THAT CASH. I'VE GOT A TEN THOUSAND DOLLAR INVESTMENT IN THAT SUITCASE!
NO! NO! YOU CAN'T HAVE IT! I KILLED CANDY FOR THIS MONEY AND NO ONE'S GONNA TAKE IT FROM ME!
AND THEY'RE OFF!
ROSCOE! DON'T BE A FOOL!
MY MONEY! MY MONEY!
NOOOO!
AAGGHH
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